

RIGHT MAKES MIGHT
"Let us have faith that right makes might; and, in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."
—Abraham Lincoln.

THE ALMA RECORD

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"The Constitution is a sacred instrument; and a sacred trust is given to us to see to it that its preservation in all its virtue and its vigor is passed on to the generations yet to come."
—William McKinley

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WILL REMODEL WRIGHT HOUSE

Plans for Changing Over Well Known Alma Hotel Are Going Forward.

WORK WILL START IN MAY

When Finished 80 Modern Rooms Will Be Available for the Traveling Public.

It was stated Tuesday by C. V. Calkins, manager of the Wright House that the contemplated remodeling of the hotel will be started about May 1, and that about \$30,000 will be spent in making the present hostelry in keeping with the needs of the growing city.

The changes to be made will alter the interior of the hotel greatly, and should prove of a big benefit to the owner, Mrs. Brearley, as the Wright House will be one of the most modern hotels in this part of the state, aside from Saginaw and Bay City, once the work is brought to completion.

The writing and smoking room on the first floor will be combined with the present lobby, and made into one large lobby. This will be done by tearing out the two inside walls, and supporting the ceiling with I-beams. The stairway will be moved from its present location and will descend to the first floor against the west wall, instead of out in the lobby as at present. The office desk, cigar cases, etc., will be moved to the rear of the lobby to a point near the wall between the lobby and dining room. The lobby will have a tiled floor, and the woodwork will be finished in mahogany. New office furniture will be provided throughout.

The porch on the front of the hotel will be done away with, the windows being brought flush to the front walls. A vestibule will be provided, which will give access to the street by means of a revolving door.

The dining room will be enlarged. The silver rooms to the west of the present dining rooms will be added to this area, and the entire room will be finished in white enamel. Two and four seat tables will be provided. New lighting fixtures will be installed.

There will be a slight re-arrangement of the rooms of the hotel, and when the work is completed, Alma will have a hotel of eighty rooms, twenty of which will have private baths. All of them will be provided with running hot and cold water.

Another thing that promises to aid in making the Wright House a fine hotel will be the installation of a modern vapor heating plant.

The material for the greater part of the work has already been ordered and Broughton & Son, who are now employed in the erection of Alma's new \$50,000 theatre, will have charge of the remodeling work.

NEW CAMPAIGN

Federated Churches Planning a Go-to-church Month Here.

At a largely attended meeting of the Federation of churches held in the First State Bank last evening a plan of unusual interest was presented and adopted. The plan proposes that during the Month of March a united effort on the part of all the cooperating churches shall be made to win the city to accept Christ.

The month will be called Go-to-church month and many means will be employed to make our citizens feel the earnest desire the churches have to welcome them to their services. A publicity committee will give the invitation through the press, large window cards scattered through the business and residential section of the city, a large banner hung on Superior street and similar signs over the entrance of every church. A visitation committee will organize the workers of the city in order to see that every house in the city is visited on the first Sunday in March and a personal invitation is given to the residents there to seek and attend the churches of their choice that month. Following this each pastor will organize his own people to carry on the work.

Appropriate services with attractive programs will be planned all through March in all the churches and those who are newcomers will everywhere be made at home. During the latter part of March most churches will have special week night meetings seeking to lead to a deeper spiritual life on the part of Christians and decision for Christ on the part of all others. The entire month will culminate in each church in the services on Easter Day which comes April 4.

In view of these plans a summons is now issued to all Christians in the community to pray for God's blessing on the effort. February should be a month of prayer that March may witness a real revival throughout the city.

At the meeting of the Federation the following officers were elected: Dr. Frank Jackson—President. Mr. Carl H. Washburn—Vice Pres. Mr. Henry H. Soule—Secretary. Mr. L. N. Baker—Treasurer.

DeLuxe candies are the best. 77-4

TO INSTALL

Alma Legion Post To Install Officers Next Week.

On Tuesday night, February 3, the local Post No. 132, of the American Legion will hold an installation of the officers for 1920.

Arrangements have been made to have the Executives of the State Post preside and perform the installation ceremonies.

The officers elected for 1920 are: Emerson Reese—Post Commander. Verne E. Rogers—Vice Commander. L. D. Burt, Post Adjutant. N. Dix, Finance Officer. Lee Sharrar, Post Historian. J. A. Mulvey, Post Chaplain.

This year promises to be one of great activity and the newly elected officers have planned to make every meeting of interest to all members.

The George W. Myers Post desire a large attendance at the meeting next Tuesday, and all members are urged to be present.

The recent party given by the Post was exceptionally well attended and the entertainment committee promise more in the near future.

SHADOW LAWN IS AGAIN ON MARKET

Legal Entanglements Being Removed and New Company Will Market Property.

It was learned Monday from authoritative sources that a new company has been formed in this city, the name of which has not been determined which has for its purpose the acquiring of the ownership of eighty acres of land in the eastern part of this city, which is known as the Morris farm or Shadow Lawn sub-division.

This property has been inactive for about three years, owing to the litigation between Earl Morris and the Alma Development Company, and also because of the existence of two plots. It is understood that the legal entanglements in connection with the property are being rapidly eliminated, and that it is the intention of the new company to adopt and have recorded the plat of the Alma Development Company, which conforms with the plat of the Kensington Heights sub-division, just to the west of the Morris property. This provides for an eighty foot boulevard through the center of the entire sub-division.

Because of its splendid location on Michigan avenue, which has been taken over as a state trunk line between Alma and St. Louis, and will probably be paved within the coming year, this sub-division is one of the most promising that Alma has. It is only ten blocks from the main part of the Republic Motor Truck company Inc., and only four blocks from the new plant of the Northern Wheel company, which is about to start operations.

It is understood that the members of the new company, which has been organized to take over this property consist of Charles G. Rhodes, T. A. Burt, Earl Morris and Charles O. Ward, all of them well known in this city.

Any persons holding contracts covering the sale of lots in the sub-division, or who are otherwise interested can secure any information relative to the property from offices of Blakeley & Ward, whose offices will form the headquarters of the company.

CHAIRMAN APPOINTED

Civic League Appoints Chairmen For Various Activities.

At a meeting held at the Executive Board of the Civic League, at the home of Mrs. King, president of the League, last Thursday, suggestions were made and plans laid for the various early spring campaigns, to be carried on by the different departments of the League.

These departments and the chairman of each are as follows: Library and Free Reading Room—Mrs. Floyd Glass.

Town Improvement—Mrs. W. Vleit. Public Health—Dr. T. J. Carney. Good Government—Pres. H. M. Crooks.

Education—Mrs. H. M. Page. Membership—Mrs. F. Pollasky. Child Welfare—Miss Lemmon. Community Council—Mrs. D. L. Johnson.

Cans and Receptacles (for the street)—Mrs. G. Sharrar. The next regular meeting of the league will be held at the home of Mrs. Ed. Hannah, 426 State St., on Friday afternoon, Feb. 6, at 3 o'clock. Please note the following recommendation passed by the executive board: "The hour for the Civic League meetings is 3 o'clock and the president shall call to order promptly on the strike."

All who come in after that are the losers, and the session is disturbed by late arrivals. An urgent invitation is given to all women of Alma, who are interested in making the city both beautiful and good, to join the league. The dues are 25 cents per year.

As a result of a contest in the school, the girls of the Day school, near this city, had to entertain the boys of the school Saturday evening. They met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Kemler, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

NEW BASEBALL LEAGUE FORMED

Industrial Organization Formed With Teams From Five Different States.

REPUBLIC TEAM IN THE FOLD

Fairbanks, Morse, Delco, Samson Truck, American Tank Car and Others in Factory Circuit.

One of the biggest organizations outside of organized baseball was put through last Sunday in Chicago, when an industrial baseball league was formed, which will consist of the fastest aggregations of factory players in five states. The Republics of Alma being the lone Michigan nine to be in the newly organized association.

The temporary organization was effected Sunday and a second meeting is called to be held on February 12 in Chicago, immediately following the big organized baseball meeting in the Windy City, at which the permanent organization will be perfected.

Some of the fastest industrial teams in the country will be represented in the new league, which bring to Alma, the fastest brand of baseball that this city has ever enjoyed.

Eight teams were represented at the meeting, including the Republics, and in addition to these franchises were awarded to the Toledo Railights, the Marmon Company team of Indianapolis, and the Central Steel Company of Massillon, Ohio, which had signified their intention to join the league, although not represented. The temporary officers of the association who were chosen Sunday are E. E. Chamberlain of Decatur, Illinois, as president, and Al. Chubb, of Beloit, Wis., as secretary.

The Republics were represented at the meeting in Chicago by Henry Olmstead, who last week was appointed manager of the Republics for the coming season. Manager Olmstead expects to retain most of the players of last year, and will strengthen a few of the weaker departments, with a view of giving the Alma fans one of the strongest aggregations that has ever been seen in central Michigan. Olmstead made a hit with the Alma fans last summer, and it is certain that they will be pulling with him right from the start of the season.

The teams, which were represented at the Chicago meeting, and which have entered the Industrial Baseball league are Samson Truck Company of Janesville, Wis., Delco Company of Dayton, Ohio, Staley Mfg. Co., of Decatur, Illinois, Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc. of Alma, Mich., Fairbanks Morse of Beloit, Wis., General Mfg. Co. of Kewanee, Wis., Walworth American Tank Car Company of East Chicago, Ind., and the Simons Company of Kenosha, Wis.

GRAND CEREMONIAL

St. Alma White Shrine Held Big Meeting Here Monday.

One of the most beautiful and impressive ceremonials ever given at the Masonic Temple was staged by the St. Alma White Shrine U. D. last Tuesday evening.

Promptly at 5:30 the guests marched to the dining room. The tables were handsomely decorated in yellow and white. A large cross as center piece with ribbons of yellow and white festooned to blazing candle sticks the entire length of the tables gave a very pleasing effect.

The ceremonial work was resumed immediately after the banquet and twenty-seven new members were initiated, including candidates from Mt. Pleasant, Ithaca, St. Louis, Breckenridge and Clare, which gave the new shrine a membership of something like one hundred and forty members.

This was the first ceremonial given by the local officers, and they can be congratulated on the excellent work done. Every one took their parts like veterans, and there were no mistakes to mar the performance.

The special music which was given from the balcony of the temple lent much to the beauty of the ceremonial and was furnished by the Misses Ruth Palmer and Gertrude Benedict, sopranos, Miss Mildred Sweet, contralto, and Mr. Leathly and Mr. Bistline, base and tenor, with Miss Helen Huff organist.

BAD FIRE

Ithaca was visited with a bad fire early Tuesday morning, when a blaze started in the Orville Allen restaurant, entirely destroyed the contents. The living rooms on the second floor, which were occupied by J. H. Smith, were badly burned and their goods destroyed. The adjoining building occupied by Theodore Ryckman was also burned. The millinery store of Mrs. W. D. Tucker was saved, but the stock was badly damaged.

The Ann Arbor southbound train was derailed near Shepherd this morning, and traffic on the road was blocked for some hours. Numerous automobiles were sent to the scene to bring passengers to this city. It was stated at the depot this morning that no one was injured.

COAL SHORTAGE

No Dealers in Alma Had Coal On Hand Here Yesterday.

Alma is apparently facing a coal shortage much more serious than was faced during the life of the coal strike during the early months of the winter, as not a coal dealer in Alma had a pound of coal for sale yesterday.

Not one of the dealers was ready to state positively when he would be able to secure more fuel. All had coal ordered, and on the road somewhere, but were unable to give the slightest indication of when it might be expected because of the tie-up of the railroads.

Late yesterday word from the offices of the Gratiot County Gas Co. was to the effect that it had been forced to stop taking orders for coke on Tuesday, but that there was still a very small supply of coke breeze on hand that was available for those who had to have fuel. It was not expected that even this fuel would last more than a very short time.

A number of homes in the city have been aided this past week by being able to secure small amounts of coal from the Alma Plant of the Michigan Sugar company.

Right now, however, the situation is real serious, and there will be real suffering in the city by the first of the week if coal does not arrive for the local dealers.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

If State Department Follows Desires of Gratiot Officials Concrete Will Be Used.

The Gratiot County road commissioners have made recommendations to the state highway department in regard to the kind of roads that are needed in Gratiot county, and if these recommendations are carried out Alma is certain to have paved roads, north, south, east and west, for a short distance out of the city at least.

The Saginaw-Grand Rapids trunk line, east and west, and the Center Line highway, north and south, both pass through Alma, giving Alma an importance greater than most communities will enjoy in this respect.

It is understood that at the present time plans for the construction of the trunk line roads in this vicinity call for paved roads from the end of the pavement on Michigan avenue to St. Louis, from the end of the pavement on east Superior to the city limits, from the end of the pavement on West Superior to the city limits, and on Wright avenue from the end of the present pavement north to the city limits.

It is understood that the state highway department contemplates a gravel road west from the city limits, although why gravel should be selected for the road, for the first four miles west from the city, is a mystery, as this stretch of road is one of the hardest used roads in the entire county, and it is extremely doubtful if even the best kind of gravel road would stand up under the hard usage to which this road will be subjected.

It is understood that the county road commissioners have recommended to the state highway department that this piece of road, for four miles west of Alma, be constructed of concrete, but it is understood that the recommendation has not yet found favor at Lansing. There is little question but that a close study of the traffic on that road will reveal to the highway department, that the only solution to the road problem, which has been existing there for years, will be the construction of a concrete road.

The county road commissioners are recommending to the state highway officials that the trunk line roads radiating from the communities that they are serving, be the first roads in the county to be constructed under the new plan, which calls for the payment of only twenty-five per cent of the cost by the county.

JOINT INSTALLATION

K. of P. and Pythian Sisters Install Their Officers.

Fitz James Lodge No. 95, Knights of Pythias, and Royal Temple No. 16, Pythian Sisters, held a joint installation of the officers on Thursday evening, January 22, at the lodge hall.

The meeting was called to order by M. M. Nellie Scattergood, installing officer, who conducted the installation of the Pythian Sisters for the coming year. Following are the officers installed: M. C. Flora Day; E. C. Geneva Vought; E. J. Rena Sartor; E. M. Bertha Herman; M. F. Flora Howlett; M. R. C. Ruby Huff; D. G. Frances Hauke; J. P. Selma Coleman.

Following this J. D. Spinney, grand installing officer for the K. of P. installed the officers of the lodge, who are as follows: C. C. Jacob D. Helman; M. C. M. Smith; Prelate, John Knottner; M. of W. Glen Anderson; K. of R. S. Edward Titus; M. of F. J. E. Fuller; M. of E. J. N. Day; M. of A. Lyle Hopkins; I. G. W. J. Marks; O. G. Robert Frederick.

E. C. Campbell of the D. W. Robinson stores was in Mt. Pleasant the first of the week on business.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS BADLY CONGESTED

Total Enrollment for Second Semester Compiled Yesterday shows 1735 Pupils.

ALL BUILDINGS ARE CROWDED

School Board is Facing a Big Proposition in Solving the Present Problem.

That the Alma public schools are crowded to more than the regular seating capacity, as stated recently in The Record, was made clear this week, when the enrollment in the various buildings was secured by J. W. Kelder, superintendent of schools. There were 1,735 pupils enrolled in the Alma public schools yesterday, and there is every evidence that this number will be increased to a considerable extent before the schools close in June.

This again points to some needed action at an early date looking forward to a new school of some kind in this city, whereby the congested condition of the schools can be relieved, and there is little question but what the school board will have some knotty problems to solve in working out the best method to take in bringing about their solution before recommendations for a new school are laid before the voters of the district.

The high school is badly crowded, and some of the pupils are now seated in the balcony. In all there are now 325 pupils in the auditorium. The attendance in the public schools by buildings follows: High school 325, Lincoln school 435, Washington school 433, Republic school 466, and Hillcrest temporary school 76.

WHITTEMORE TRIO

Musical Treat For Lyceum Goes Next Monday Evening.

George Sutton, baritone, who appears in the Methodist church Monday, Feb. 2, 8:15 p.m., on the Lyceum course with the Whittemore Trio, is the possessor of a truly remarkable voice. Its full richness, flexibility and range cause him to rank high among the baritones appearing upon the concert platform. These qualities in conjunction with his interpretative ability stamp Mr. Sutton at once as an artist.

The Whittemore Trio consists of Miss Eleanor Whittemore, violin, Miss Martha Whittemore, cello, Miss Marion Carley, piano. The Misses of the Whittemores has been highly commended, no less a personage than former President William Howard Taft having written Miss Eleanor Whittemore a personal letter complimenting her upon the musicianship of her organization.

But Mr. Taft is only one of thousands who have heard the Whittemore Trio and who have been delighted with its work. Following is another letter of appreciation, and there are many more like it in the files of the Redpath Bureau:

"It is not easy to thank you properly, for there is nothing that a composer can feel more deeply than that others should like his work well enough to put the amount of interest and care into its performance that you did. It was a very beautiful performance in every detail. You made me very happy, and I am, 'Yours respectfully, 'Arthur Foote.'"

Single tickets 50 cents.

Following is the program for the lyceum course number of next Monday evening at the M. E. church:

Trio—Hungarian Rhapsody No. II. (Liszt).

Baritone—(a) "To be Near My Fair Idol, Beloved" (Rosa); (b) "I Attempt from Loves' Sickness to Fly" (Puccini); (c) "Vulcan Aria" (Philemon et Baucis).

Violin—Allegro (Saint-Saens). Trio—Allegro Con Brío (Foote); Andante (Chaminade); Scherzo (Arnsky).

Trio—Bourée (Handel); Oriental (Cui); Rondo (Boccherini).

Baritone—(a) "Come, Sweet Morning" (A. L.); (b) "Mate O' Mine" (Squires); (c) "Oh, Didn't It Rain" (Burleigh).

Piano Solo—(Selected). Trio—"Folk Song" (Arr. by Sandby); "Dance a la Hongroise" (Brahms).

Violin—"Melodie" (Chapentier); From the "Canebrake" (Gardner). Ensemble—"Le Nil" (Leroux).

CONFERENCE AT ST. LOUIS

Preparations for the annual Gratiot County Y. M. C. A. conference to be held at St. Louis January 30, 31 and February 1, are progressing rapidly. A large number of registrations have already been received. There will be no lack of good speakers and good "cats." We want every boy who can to arrange to be here. Remember the dates, January 30, 31 and February 1.

MOVES OFFICES

William H. Rogers, justice of the peace, and William E. Wilcox, will move their offices the latter part of this week from the Gaffney block on South State street to the Pollasky block. They will be nicely located in rooms 15 and 17 in the Pollasky block by the first of the coming week.

PURCELL SUIT

City's Suit for \$25,000 Against Well Digger Starts Tuesday.

The suit of the City of Alma against A. R. Purcell, contractor, for damages amounting to \$25,000, will start on Tuesday, February 3, before Judge E. J. Moinet in Circuit Court in Ithaca.

The suit is an outgrowth of the alleged failure to A. R. Purcell to complete his well digging contract with the city of Alma, whereby he was to give the city a pure well water supply of 2,000 gallons per minute from wells which he was to sink in what is now known as Waterworks park.

When the wells were all couped up the flow of 2,000 gallons per minute was not forthcoming according to the city officials, who it is stated, asked Mr. Purcell to make good. Purcell claimed to have finished his contract, and then the city replenished his well digging machine and started suit for damages.

Wm. S. Hart in "John Pettibon" —Idlehour Sunday—adv.

COLLEGE TEAM WAS DEFEATED TWICE

Adrian and Albion Won from Alma by 3-Point Margins in Hard Fought Games.

The Alma college basketball team suffered defeats in both of its road games last week, each of the weak fives of the M. I. A. A. taking the Maroon and Cream into camp by three points in small gymnasiums, which prevented the best kind of a showing on the part of the Maroon and Cream. Adrian downed Alma 25 to 22, and Albion on Saturday night won by a score of 27 to 24.

In both games Alma had a lead in the first half of the game, and suffered from a let down in the second half. At Adrian Alma started the final half with a three point lead and at Albion went into the second half with a six point lead.

Both games were very much alike, being played in small box-like gyms, that could have no other effect than to cause a team from a large floor to play a much poorer game than is usually the case. At Adrian Alma suffered a slight let down in the second half that gave that school the chance that was needed to forge into the lead. At Albion the game got away from Referee Helmer to some extent in the final half, and the heavier Albionites had things their own way to a great extent. Both teams, on the showing that Alma made, deserved to win, just as they did, but are certain to receive a royal welcome when they come to Alma.

Line-up and summaries:

ALMA—22 ADRIAN—25

Smith R. F. Harris

Richards L. F. King

Gaffney C. Youngs

Crittenden R. G. Funk (C)

Tebbo (C) L. G. Rich

Substitutions: Beattie for Smith, Tomlin for Richards, Mills for Tebbo, Bird for Harris.

Field baskets—Richards 5, Smith, Gaffney, Bird 2, Youngs 3, Funk 3, King.

Fouls—Richards 4 out of 9, Gaffney 4 out of 5, King 2 out of 8.

ALBION GAME

ALMA—24 ALBION—27

Smith R. F. Cole

Richards L. F. Cansfield

Gaffney C. Derr

Crittenden R. G. Harper

Tebbo (C) L. G. Richards

Field baskets—Richards 4, Gaffney 4, Tebbo 2, Smith, Cole 8, Cansfield 3, Fouls—Cole 3 out of 3, Richards 2 out of 4, Cansfield 0 out of 2.

TWO GAMES

College Meets Hope and the High School Will Battle With Howell.

Two interesting games are billed for the local high school court Friday evening, the Alma College team being scheduled to play Hope College, while the high school cagers will mix with Howell high.

Hope College is regarded as having one of the strongest court quintets in the state this year, and has defeated every collegiate five that it has met with one exception. M. A. C. is counted among the victims of the Dutchmen, as are other fine teams. It is a veteran aggregation that will meet the Maroon and Cream, and a bunch of cagers that has team work down to the fine points.

The Maroon and Cream will send a veteran bunch of players against the Hope five, but it will be a team that is minus its star player, who for the past two years has, in the main, been responsible for the fine showing that Alma has made in the winter sport. A victory is hardly to be expected, but the college five is determined to fight the Dutchmen to the limit and hold the score to the lowest possible point.

The high school game also promises to be a very interesting game. While little is known of the strength of the Howell cagers, they have compiled a good record so far this season, and should be able to force the Alma high school five to the limit to win. Certain it is that Coach Mullin's team will be forced to show a better brand of basket ball than it did last week in its ragged game with St. Louis.

Best ice cream. DeLuxe—77-4

TO HOLD FATHER AND SON BANQUET

Arrangements Being Made for the Observance of the Week in Alma.

SHOULD PROVE A BENEFIT

Committees Have Been Appointed and Are Now Busy Arranging for the Program.

The week of February 23 to 29 is the annual Father and Son week, and preparations are now under way for the proper observance of the week in Alma, when efforts will be made to bring the fathers and the sons of the city closer to each other than they have been in the past, to make them closer companions in life for the mutual advantage of each, and particularly for the well being of the boy.

The big event of Father and Son week is to be the annual banquet which will be held on the evening of February 27. A fine program will be arranged for the affair, which holds forth the promise of being an event of more than passing importance this year, and which should in no small measure be reflected in the spirit of the boys of the city in the weeks that follow.

The state executive committee of the Y. M. C. A. has named the various days of the week for special work, that promises to make them of unusual significance to the boys of Alma. Monday is to be final preparation day, when the committees in charge of the work of the week will bring to a finish their work. Tuesday will be Home day, when it is planned to have all fathers remain at home in the evening, that they and the boys may be brought closer together. Wednesday will be Father's day, a day for fathers' conferences and discussions with their boys.

Thursday will be "Tell Your Boy" day, which will offer an exceptional opportunity for fathers to tell their sons the things that they should know regarding their social and mental welfare. Friday is Annual Banquet day. Saturday is Recreation day, set aside for the fathers and the boys, as a day for thorough enjoyment in the things that they may do together. Sunday will be "Go to Church" day, when pastors are urged to arrange special Father and Son services.

Frank F. Smith, chairman of the committee in charge of the program of the week, has appointed the following committees to co-operate in furthering the work, that the results hoped for may be achieved. Committee on program: Roscoe Ely, Wm. McFadden, Paul Crandell, William Simpson. Banquet committee: J. A. Gerhardt, Fred Faden, John Knottner, and Dr. George Randella. Committee on Arrangements: A. Bartling, E. A. Leonard, and H. M. Glass.

Finance committee: John C. Chick, Carl H. Washburn, Joseph Winslow, V. P. Cash, D. Henry Way, L. A. Sharp, Henry Soule. Publicity committee: H. S. Babcock and J. F. Sartor, Jr.

GAS PROPOSITION

City Commission Is Going Into Gas Proposition Very Thoroughly.

On Tuesday evening the city commission again took up the proposition which has been submitted by the Gratiot County Gas Company, which is seeking a fixed return of seven per cent, and following the discussion of the evening, indications were that the commission will soon have worked out a new franchise which will be fair to both the people of the city and also to the gas company.

One of the things that was brought out Tuesday evening was that on a fixed return basis, such as the gas company is seeking, based upon the earnings each year, it would be probable that the rates of the company would drop in a few years, if